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SUBJECT: Enforced Disappearances - #20 in Geneva 2007 Communications Log

1. Mission has received a communication from the Chairman-Rapporteur on the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, Santiago Corcuera, regarding the implementation of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances. This communication has been sent via e-mail to IO-RHS and is #20 on the Geneva 2007 Communications Log.

2. Begin text of letter:
Excellency,

At the request and on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, I have the honour to communicate the following letter addressed to you:

"Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you on behalf of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, which held its 82nd session from 25 to 29 June 2007 at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

In the course of the session, the Working Group decided to inform your Government of general allegations it has received in relation to the implementation of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances in your country. A summary is

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provided in Annex I. Any comments regarding these general allegations should be received by the date given in the next paragraph in order to be included in the Working Group's annual report.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind your Government that the Working Group will hold its 83rd session at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 21 to 30 November 2007. As such, the Working Group would be grateful if any written information which your Government wishes to submit for the Working Group's consideration, could be received by 1 October 2007. Information may be submitted at any time of the year, and will be reviewed as soon as it can be processed.

In conformity with its usual practice, the Working Group is prepared to receive representatives of interested Governments during the first three days of its next session, from 21 to 23 November 2007. Should your Government wish to be represented at the forthcoming session, please contact the Working Group's secretariat at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (tel: 022 917 9176, fax: 022 917 9006) to schedule an appointment with the Working Group. The dates of subsequent sessions for the coming year may also be requested or found on the WGEID webpage: http ://www. ohchr. org/english/issues/disappear.

I remain, Excellency,
Yours sincerely,
Santiago Corcuera Chairman-Rapporteur Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances"

I remain, Excellency,
Yours sincerely,

Tanya Smith
Secretary
Working Group on Enforced
or Involuntary Disappearances

Annex
General Allegation: USA 07.06.07
The Working Group received information from non-governmental organizations concerning reported obstacles encountered in the implementation of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

It was reported that on 6 September 2006, the US President stated that the United States runs a system of secret detention in the "War on Terror". However, US authorities have not disclosed how many individuals were secretly detained.

The United States government has reportedly constructed a wide-ranging detention system for terrorism suspects. It is alleged that this system includes detention in secret US-controlled detention facilities outside the United States.
End of text.
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